

25 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
THROUGH: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research, OPR

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Proposed DCI Reply to Secretary
McNamara's Letter

REFERENCE: Action Memorandum No. 182, 19 February 1963 from the
Executive Director to the IS/I, concerning letter
from Secretary of Defense to DCI, Request for Study
of Soviet Ground Forces, 13 February 1963

1. The attached is for the Director's signature and is in reply
to the referenced letter.

2. Since 12 March negotiations have been underway to merge the
study requested of the DCI with a similar study being prepared in DIA,
both requested by the Secretary of Defense. Although my conversations
with the working level in DIA indicated that the proposal to merge
would be accepted, General Carroll decided on 21 March that he did not
wish to do so. The reason given was that DIA had other requirements for
the study and that a request with McNamara's name on it would facilitate
its completion. CIA was invited to participate in the DIA study.

3. From all I have been able to learn, the DIA study will include
little or no additional research and will likely result in little more
than a reaffirmation of the results which McNamara questioned originally.
It is my recommendation that CIA not associate itself with the DIA study.

4. On 22 March, Mr. Stockfish, a member of McNamee's staff, visited CIA to discuss some aspects of the study requested of CIA. During the discussions, General Carroll's decision was raised. It was Mr. Stockfish's opinion that Mr. McNamee did not want two parallel studies. Stockfish said he would recommend that McNamee write a memorandum to DIA through the JCS relieving DIA of its obligation to meet the 15 May deadline so that DIA might concentrate on the joint CIA/DIA study with a preliminary report due in August.

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